

Please refer to the travel related health directive
Issued by the Director General of Health
On 15th July 2021

**Quarantine measures for travellers arriving
from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19**

Following sections are amendments to my letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 07-07-2021 on Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19.

1. Amendment to "Section C" on Pre departure negative COVID-19 PCR test report

All travellers of **two years and above** arriving in Sri Lanka should mandatorily carry a negative **COVID-19 PCR test report** in English language done **within 72 hours prior to embarkation**.

Note: Pre departure COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test report is not accepted

2. Amendment to "Section H.4.6" on Day Seven PCR test for Fully Vaccinated Travellers with negative On Arrival PCR reports

H.4.6.1 Fully vaccinated travellers who have **NOT arrived from a travel restricted country** (mentioned **below** in **Section J**) and released from quarantine with an **On Arrival (Day One) negative COVID-19 PCR report, do not have to undergo COVID-19 PCR test on Day Seven**.

Unvaccinated children of **two to eighteen years** who have been released with the fully vaccinated parents **should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on Day Seven** after arriving in Sri Lanka from a Ministry of Health approved Private Sector or State Sector Laboratory. Day Seven PCR test results should be immediately informed to the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) by telephone or email

3. Amendment to "Section J" on Travel restricted countries

J.1 Travellers with a travel history (including transit) in the past 14 days to India, South American countries and South African countries (South Africa, Angola, Botswana,

Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe) will not be permitted to disembark in Sri Lanka until further notice.

(Vietnam is removed from the list of Travel restricted countries)

J.2 Following categories of travellers are allowed to disembark in Sri Lanka **if arriving from or transited at travel restricted countries** mentioned in Section J.1 **with the permission** of the Director General of Health Services/ Ministry of Health (dghs@health.gov.lk), followed by the permission of Foreign Ministry (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk) and Civil Aviation Authority (caaspax@caa.lk) of Sri Lanka.

- a) Sri Lankan Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouses)
- b) Dual Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouses)
- c) Valid Resident Visa Holders
- d) Foreign national staff members of the diplomatic missions or UN organizations / UN Specialized agencies / International Organizations **with permanent offices in Sri Lanka** who are holding Diplomatic/UN/Official passports (mentioned in Annex 01 in my letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 07-07-2021 on Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19) and their accompanying spouse, parents, and children from India, South American countries and South African countries
- e) Foreign Nationals arriving for important projects / meetings / discussions as invited by the Sri Lankan Government / Private Organizations

Following details need to be submitted when requesting the approvals to arrive from travel restricted countries:

- Sri Lankan Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouses)/ Dual Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouses) should submit the copies of their passports.
- Resident Visa Holder should submit a copy of the passport and copy of the valid resident visa.
- Foreign National staff member of diplomatic missions or UN organizations / UN Specialized agencies / International Organizations with permanent offices in Sri Lanka should submit a copy of the passport and copy of the Official Identity Card.
- Inviting Sri Lankan counterpart should submit the details including the reason for inviting with a copy of passport if Foreign Nationals arriving for important projects / meetings / discussions

J.3 All Sri Lankan Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouse), Dual Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouse) who have been granted approval to arrive from travel restricted countries have to undergo **mandatory Institutional Quarantine (irrespective of their vaccination status) at a Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre (Centre: only if facilities are available to separate from travellers arriving from other countries)** and will be released from institutional quarantine only after obtaining a negative PCR report done on Day 14 of arrival in Sri Lanka. They shall **NOT** be quarantined at a Safe & Secure Certified Level One Hotel.

J.4 All Foreign Nationals who have been granted approval to arrive from travel restricted countries have to undergo **mandatory Institutional Quarantine (irrespective of their vaccination status) at a Quarantine Hotel** and will be released from institutional quarantine only after obtaining a negative PCR report done on Day 14 of arrival in Sri Lanka.

They shall **NOT** be quarantined at a **Safe & Secure Certified Level One Hotel, Quarantine Centre or at a Residence.**

The above amendments to my letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 07-07-2021 on Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19 are effective for the **travellers arriving in Sri Lanka from 00:00 on 17th of July 2021.**



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